

In the Field of Sport

AGGIE GAMES WILL BE CLOSE

Wackher's Loss Felt—Even
Break Would Leave Tigers
Ahead.

The Tigers spent last night in Kansas City, and at an early hour this morning departed for Manhattan, where they will meet the Kansas Aggies in the first of a two-game series tonight.

Coaches Ruby and Cleveland, who accompanied the team, were not inclined to be overconfident as to the Bengals' chances for victory in either of the two contests. The injury to Leslie Wackher, veteran guard, has removed an important cog in the offensive power of the team. The remarkable showing of the Aggies against the tribe from Kansas last week demonstrated very plainly that E. A. Knuth's five will stand a better chance than any other team in the Valley of knocking the Tigers off their pinnacle.

Two defeats coming at this time might not put the Missourians out of the race entirely, but it would place the Kansas Aggie outfit in the most enviable berth. The Kansas City Journal, in commenting upon the two games, has the following to say:

"Should the Aggies handle the Tigers, regarded as the potential winners of the Valley football, they will go into the lead, spoiling the perfect percentage of the Tiger five. However, should the series be split, the Tigers will retain the lead, as they have lost no games, while the Aggies dropped a game to the Ames Aggies on their Iowa invasion the last week of January.

Coach Knuth is working his charges to perfect their floor work and basket shooting this week. It is considered that a home court is worth ten points to a team that knows how to use it. Knuth's veterans certainly know the Aggie court, for all of them are campaigning for their third year.

"The quintette of three-year veterans

wearing the Aggie colors demonstrated the advantage of experience at Lawrence when they delivered two wins before an enemy crowd.

"The first night the Aggies had the breaks of the game, the green Kansas team cracking under the strain of five Aggie field goals, counted in as many minutes by Aggie forwards and guards, from all angles of the court. 'Phog' Allen's sophomore team seemed dazed by the wildest playing and allowed the Aggies to win in a walk. But the second night was another story. The Aggies again demonstrated the coolness bred of much playing together when they overcame the handicap of fourteen enemy free throws and the close guarding of a desperate team making its last stand for Valley supremacy, and delivered a one-point win.

"The pair of games on Nichols court Friday and Saturday of this week will be hard fought contests."

BAN PUT ON HEADLOCK HOLD Heavyweight Champion Lewis Objects to Ruling of Curley.

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Jack Curley's ban on the "headlock hold" in wrestling bouts in New York has divided the ranks of the grapplers and mat fans.

Most affected by the edict of the promoter who has become practically the controller of the sport in America, is the heavyweight champion, Ed "Strangler" Lewis, who worked his way up and won the title by the "headlock."

Lewis claims that the prohibition of his pet hold will ruin him, as the most lucrative matches are staged in New York and so smaller promoters in other states are following the lead of Curley in outlawing the hold.

Many fans claim the headlock is not mere pushing or brutal but a "science" of the former champion, Joe Stecher, or the hold.

Earl Collock, judged by many fans the best of all the present crop of matmen, is among the grapplers who side with Lewis and claim that the hold is

not so dangerous that it should be ruled out.

Lewis is highly wrought up over Curley's action, claiming that no complaint was made about the hold until he won the title.

Curley bases his action on the ground that the public and the press demanded a ban on the grip after Lewis had injured several opponents.

RIFLE MATCH TO BE FEB 18 R. O. T. C. Will Compete With Kansas—Each Shoot on Own Range.

The University of Kansas will be the first college that the rifle team of the R. O. T. C. of the University of Missouri competes with. Each team will fire on its own range February 18, and the scores will be exchanged to determine the victor. The competition, open to visitors and held in the R. O. T. C. indoor range on the top floor of Academic Hall, probably will begin at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Army officers of each of the respective R. O. T. C. units, will act as inspectors of the scores, and the results will be sanctioned by the respective professors in military science and tactics of the two institutions. Missouri has three teams practicing. From these, one 16-man team will be picked to compete with the rifle shots of the Jayhawk camp. This will be the beginning of a series of rifle competitions with R. O. T. C. units in other colleges.

COLUMBIA LOSES TO MEXICO Visitors Show Last Minute Spurt With Shower of Baskets.

The Columbia High School basketball team lost a close, fast game in Rothwell Gymnasium last night to the Mexico five, the final score being 37 to 28 in the visitors' favor.

Until the last few minutes of play the two teams ran at an even pace. With a minute to go the score stood at 21 to 21, but Mexico showed a spurt and with a deluge of baskets went into a safe lead just before the final whistle.

Columbia plays the Troy High School five tonight on the local court.

WILL ENTER TOURNAMENT Westminster College to Try for Basketball Championship.

The Westminster College basketball team will enter the championship tournament of the National Amateur Athletic Union, which is to be held in Kansas City the week of March 7, under the auspices of the Kansas City Athletic Club. It has been announced at Fulton, Mo. that the Westminster team is one of the best teams in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

One Hundred Saw Boxing Match. The first boxing tournament of the year was held at Rothwell Gymnasium Wednesday night under the auspices of the R. O. T. C. About one hundred persons attended the exhibition. There were also stunts on the parallel bars, some negro jigs to the tune of "Turkey in the Straw," and wrestling matches of ten minutes each between Semple and Blair, each weighing 150 pounds and between Groves and Orton, weighing 140 pounds. Three found boxing bouts were held, the first one being a draw between Williams and Black, each weighing 135 pounds, was a draw. The third bout, between Kossler and Anderson, weight 185, was thought by most of the spectators the hardest fought of the three. The decision was given to Kossler.

TRAIN CREWS WORK FREE Farmers and Railroads Co-Operate in Transportation of Grain.

The farmer's offer to give enough of his surplus corn to save the starving people of Europe, China and the Near-East has been met in kind by the railway unions, which declare that they stand ready to furnish engine and train crews to handle the gift-grain in solid trainloads free of charge for the labor. More than that, the chiefs of the railway brotherhoods believe that arrangements can be made with the railroad presidents to furnish the cars free. The telegram embodying the formal offer of the railroad men was as follows: "With regard to the press announcements that Western farmers are ready and willing to donate free 50,000,000 bushels of corn to feed the starving millions in Europe and China, we believe that arrangements can be made with the railroad presidents to furnish cars to transport this corn and deliver the necessary amount needed to the coast cities free of charge. The organizations we represent will furnish engine and train crews to handle this grain in solid trainloads free of charge for service rendered. We will be glad to co-operate with you in any arrangements you may desire to make."

The telegram was signed by Warren S. Stone, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors; W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen; W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

TODAY'S HOTEL GUESTS The following registered at the Hotel Columbia yesterday: D. Stuart, Pope, Boston, Mass.; D. D. Hentley, George Brentingen, Ezra Johnson, C. H. Wied, and J. J. O'Donnell, St. Louis; H. W. Gatliff, Kansas City; Mrs. F. E. Abell and Mrs. L. E. Baumeister, East St. Louis, Ill.; K. K. Dedman, Blackburn, Mo.; J. H. Kazar, Bloomington, Ind.; Taylor Elder, Centralia; Silas Stuart, H. E. Elliott, Frank H. Shield and Mrs. T. Gordon, Columbia.

The guests registered at the Daniel

Boone Tavern are: E. F. Mohen and wife, James P. Jamison, Rae W. Newbold, G. J. Pearson, Meyer Jackoway, George E. Schenk, W. J. Weinheimer, R. P. McGovern, B. E. Shoa, Harry O. Ritter, Harry B. Epstein, Everett Brinkman, St. Louis; M. B. Fall, L. J. Butcher, W. A. Rittenberg, D. Sunford, Charles Berill, E. A. Minot and G. W. Briggs, Kansas City; D. A. Allen, H. H. Fuller, E. P. Murphy and J. A. Zoes, Chicago; R. L. Cosen, Bloomington, Ind.; J. T. Hays, Booneville; Mrs. R. J. Wright, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; R. R. Graves, Washington, D. C.; J. R. Cheney, Chillicothe; G. H. Harris, Philadelphia, Pa.; W. J. Gerding, New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. Lee Williams, Springfield, Mo.; Milman Andrews, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Moore C. Tussey, New York City; M. A. Nixon, Hallsville; O. G. Mull, Quincy, Ill.; M. Jordan, Keyesville, Mo.; P. Montague, Independence, Mo.; E. Reid, St. Joseph; Mrs. F. C. Vaden, Sherman, Tex.; J. E. McMurphy, Paris, Mo.; E. T. Caveatphen and wife, New London, Mo.; Cathleen Hays, Mayhurst, Warrensburg; and L. W. Allen, Pleasant Hill, Mo.

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